CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	untitled.bmp.png
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Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	06 March 2014
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	06 March 2014

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.

The image on the file shows a smiling girl in her early to mid-teens, standing facing the camera with her legs apart. She is dressed in tight spandex shorts with a large cut-out over her stomach, and a see-through knitted top through which her breasts and nipples can be clearly seen. The top is tied at one side to show an expanse of midriff. The image is clearly intended to appeal to people with a sexual interest in young girls and to encourage viewers to see underage girls as sexually aware and available.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.